

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Custer County,) Application No. 911-023.4
Broken Bow, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING IN
recurring costs of Enhanced) PART
Wireless 911 implementation.)
) Entered: April 25, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 13, 2007, the Commission entered an order granting Custer County's funding request in part. The Commission denied those portions of the funding request related to the IP phones and reporting software and any amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP. Custer County was given fifteen (15) days to request a hearing on those portions of the funding request that were denied.

Custer County requested a hearing regarding costs for the purchase of IP phones. Hearing was held on **April 17, 2007**.

Representatives from Custer County and the County's vendor explained that Custer County currently has two workstations. Two of the three IP phones requested constitute an integral part of the 911 equipment installed at each workstation to receive Phase II enhanced wireless 911 calls. Furthermore, the two telephones enable 911 operators to continue to receive calls should the work station itself cease working. The third IP phone is to be utilized at a supervisor's desk in order to allow someone to take additional calls. No 911 equipment is installed at the supervisor's desk. Costs for the IP telephones are set forth in the confidential Appendix A attached hereto.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Based upon the information presented, the Commission finds that the two IP phones located at the 911 workstations are an integral part of the 911 equipment installed to receive Phase II wireless 911 calls.

The Commission finds that costs for two of the three IP phones requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as they have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service. Therefore, the Commission finds that costs of two IP telephones consistent with the rates set forth in Appendix A are approved and payment shall

be made to Custer County's equipment vendor consistent with the terms of their contract.

However, the additional IP telephone located at an administrative desk is more similar to requests for back-up equipment. To date, the Commission has denied requests for funding for back-up centers. Therefore, the Commission finds that funding for the third IP telephone should be denied.

Once the Commission has established a policy regarding funding for backup systems, Custer County may resubmit costs for the third IP telephone for funding consideration.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that request for funding for two IP telephones shall be and is approved and that payment in an amount consistent with Appendix A shall be made to Custer County's equipment vendor pursuant to the terms of their contract.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that funding for the third IP telephone shall be and is hereby denied.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 25th day of April, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director